House of Representatives



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House Bill No. 6807

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The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. O'CONNOR of the 35th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR REQUESTS FOR AGENT APPOINTMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-11 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2005):
- 4 (a) The commissioner shall demand and receive the following fees:
- 5 (1) For the annual fee for each license issued to a domestic insurance
- 6 company, one hundred dollars; (2) for receiving and filing annual
- 7 reports of domestic insurance companies, twenty-five dollars; (3) for
- 8 filing all documents prerequisite to the issuance of a license to an
- 9 insurance company, one hundred seventy-five dollars, except that the
- fee for such filings by any health care center, as defined in section 38a-
- 11 175, shall be one thousand one hundred dollars; (4) for filing any
- 12 additional paper required by law, fifteen dollars; (5) for each certificate
- 13 of valuation, organization, reciprocity or compliance, twenty dollars;

14 (6) for each certified copy of a license to a company, twenty dollars; (7) 15 for each certified copy of a report or certificate of condition of a 16 company to be filed in any other state, twenty dollars; (8) for 17 amending a certificate of authority, one hundred dollars; (9) for each 18 license issued to a rating organization, one hundred dollars. In 19 addition, insurance companies shall pay any fees imposed under 20 section 12-211; (10) a filing fee of twenty-five dollars for each initial 21 application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-769; (11) with 22 respect to insurance agents' appointments: (A) A filing fee of twenty-23 five dollars for each request for any agent appointment, except that no 24 filing fee shall be payable for a request for agent appointment by an 25 insurance company domiciled in a state or foreign country which does 26 not require any filing fee for a request for agent appointment for a 27 Connecticut insurance company; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each 28 appointment issued to an agent of a domestic insurance company or 29 for each appointment continued; and (C) a fee of twenty dollars for 30 each appointment issued to an agent of any other insurance company 31 or for each appointment continued, except that no fee shall be payable 32 for an appointment issued to an agent of an insurance company 33 domiciled in a state or foreign country which does not require any fee 34 for an appointment issued to an agent of a Connecticut insurance 35 company; (12) with respect to insurance producers: (A) An 36 examination fee of seven dollars for each examination taken, except 37 when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of 38 seven dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an 39 applicant; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each license issued; and (C) a fee 40 of forty dollars for each license renewed; (13) with respect to public 41 adjusters: (A) An examination fee of seven dollars for each 42 examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing 43 service shall pay a fee of seven dollars to the commissioner for each 44 examination taken by an applicant; and (B) a fee of one hundred 45 twenty-five dollars for each license issued or renewed; (14) with 46 respect to casualty adjusters: (A) An examination fee of ten dollars for 47 each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the 48 testing service shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the commissioner for

each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed; and (C) the expense of any examination administered outside the state shall be the responsibility of the entity making the request and such entity shall pay to the commissioner one hundred dollars for such examination and the actual traveling expenses of the examination administrator to administer such examination; (15) with respect to motor vehicle physical damage appraisers: (A) An examination fee of forty dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of forty dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed; and (C) the expense of any examination administered outside the state shall be the responsibility of the entity making the request and such entity shall pay to the commissioner one hundred dollars for such examination and the actual traveling expenses of the examination administrator to administer such examination; (16) with respect to certified insurance consultants: (A) An examination fee of thirteen dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of two hundred dollars for each license issued; and (C) a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars for each license renewed; (17) with respect to surplus lines brokers: (A) An examination fee of ten dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; and (B) a fee of five hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed; (18) with respect to fraternal agents, a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (19) a fee of thirteen dollars for each license certificate requested, whether or not a license has been issued; (20) with respect to domestic and foreign benefit societies shall pay: (A) For service of process, twenty-five dollars for each person or insurer to be served; (B) for filing a certified copy of its charter or articles of association, five dollars; (C) for filing the annual report, ten dollars; and (D) for filing any additional paper required by law, three

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dollars; (21) with respect to foreign benefit societies: (A) For each certificate of organization or compliance, four dollars; (B) for each certified copy of permit, two dollars; and (C) for each copy of a report or certificate of condition of a society to be filed in any other state, four dollars; (22) with respect to reinsurance intermediaries: A fee of five hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed; (23) with respect to viatical settlement providers: (A) A filing fee of thirteen dollars for each initial application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-465a; and (B) a fee of twenty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (24) with respect to viatical settlement brokers: (A) A filing fee of thirteen dollars for each initial application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-465a; and (B) a fee of twenty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (25) with respect to viatical settlement investment agents: (A) A filing fee of thirteen dollars for each initial application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-465a; and (B) a fee of twenty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (26) with respect to preferred provider networks, a fee of two thousand five hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed; (27) with respect to rental companies, as defined in section 38a-799, a fee of forty dollars for each permit issued or renewed; and (28) with respect to each duplicate license issued a fee of twenty-five dollars for each license issued.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following						
sections:						
Section 1	October 1, 2005	38a-11(a)				

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Insurance Dept.	GF - Revenue	Minimal	Minimal
	Loss		

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill exempts a non-Connecticut domiciled insurance company from the \$25 per "request for agent appointment" filing fee under certain conditions. This will result in a minimal revenue loss to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6807

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR REQUESTS FOR AGENT APPOINTMENTS

SUMMARY:

This bill exempts a non-Connecticut domiciled (non-domestic) insurance company from the \$25 per "request for agent appointment" filing fee if the state or country where the company is domiciled does not require a fee when a Connecticut insurance company requests an agent appointment in that state or country.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

BACKGROUND

Agent Appointments

Before a licensed insurance producer may act as an agent on behalf of a Connecticut insurance company, (1) the company must request an agent appointment from the Insurance Department and (2) the department must issue the appointment.

Filing Fees

Current law requires (1) a \$25 filing for each request for agent appointment; (2) a \$40 fee per appointment issued to or continued for an agent of a domestic insurance company; and (3) a \$20 fee per appointment issued or continued for an agent of a non-domestic insurance company. The latter fee is waived if the other state or country does not require a fee for an appointment issued to an agent of a Connecticut insurance company.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Report Yea 15 Nay 0